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Mr. Alva E. Smith
Federal Election Commission
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Dear Mr. Smith:

I just received today copies of your correspondence dated October 5, 1998 indicating that the Federal Election Commission received a complaint which indicates that the Cook Barela for Congress Committee and me as treasurer, may have violated the Federal Election Act of 1971.

I became associated with the Cook Barela for Congress Committee in early May 1998 and my activities were confined to the functional role as treasurer. Having briefly read the complaint, I can truthfully state that I had no knowledge of the Cook Barela for Congress Committee pursuing anything other than victory over both Ken Calvert and Joe Khoury. Further, I have no knowledge of any cooperative tactics between the Ken Calvert campaign and the Cook Barela campaign.

Having little interest in the details of the voluminous complaint from Mr. Khoury coupled with my knowledge of the correctness of my activities with respect to the Cook Barela campaign, I have little inclination to address each and every charge contained therein. However, in order to simplify any research you or your office need to undertake, I will make every effort to cooperate with any written or verbal requests for information.

As evidenced by the length of time between the actual mailing of the notification and my actual receipt, I encourage you to direct any correspondence intended for me to the following address:

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12625 Frederick Street, Suite 15255
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Additionally, I can be contacted over the phone at (909) 653-5053.

Sincerely,


Gary Capolino

cc: Cook Barela

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